Allocation of Funds for Uttar Pradesh under RGGVY

†506. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Uttar Pradesh for the current financial year under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) whether the amount allocated under the above scheme is consistent with the national average;

(c) whether preference would be given to the areas/States which are lagging behind in the national average of power consumption;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts being made to expedite the abvoe work?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The sanctioned amount for Uttar Pradesh based on the Detailed Project Reports received from UP Government, so far, is Rs. 2719.52 crore.

The funds under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) are released in instalments commensurate with the progress reported by the implementing agencies/States. Uttar Pradesh State has already availed an amount of Rs. 1275.79 crore under RGGVY as on 30th October 2006.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) and (d) The States, having low level of village electrification as compared to the national level, have been accorded preference for sanction of projects under RGGVY to provide access to electricity to rural households by the year 2009.

Maximum projects which have been sanctioned so far as that of UP, Bihar, West Bengal, Rajasthan so as to cover maximum number of un-electrified villages.

(e) The following efforts have been made to expedite the implementation of RGGVY:

* To augment the implementation capacities of State Electricity Boards/ Power Utilities, the services of Central Public Sector Undertakings

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(CPSUs) which have demonstrated their capability in timely project execution with effective project management have been taken. Accordingly Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with CPSUs like National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) and Domodar Valley Corporation (DVC).

* For effective implementation of the project, REC has also developed the framework covering the guidelines for formulation of projects, procurement guidelines and bidding procedure for procurement of goods and services for projects to be executed on turn key basis, draft franchisee guidelines as also updation of existing REC's technical specifications for equipment/material and construction standards for adoption in project implementation/execution.

* Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are being prepared district-wise for the purpose of cohesiveness and better implementation of projects.

* For speedier and effective implementation of the project, these are being executed on turnkey basis.

* States have been advised to set-up district committees to monitor the progress of rural electrification works.

* The Government of India as also REC, the nodal agency for RGGVY, have been conducting frequent review meetings with the concerned State Governments and implementing agencies for expeditious implementation of the scheme as per agreed schedules.

Power projects in Northern States

†507. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects to be implemented in the Northern States to maintain the balance between the demand and supply of power;

(b) the stage of the projects and the quantity of required production to be achieved;

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